

Roslyn Presbyterian Church
33 East Broadway
Roslyn
Nassau County
New York

HABS No. NY-6054

HABS

NY

60-Ros

5-

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY NASSAU	TOWN OR VICINITY ROSLYN
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		HABS NO. NY-6054
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 33 East Broadway		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1851-1852	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The only surviving church of two churches built in Roslyn before 1852.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Spare Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame on stone rubble foundation		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One story with gallery, 2 bays wide, 3 bays deep, rectangular with addition, 35'x52'. For floor plans see HABS measured drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Broad gable roof, enclosed hipped roof porch across west front, molded cornice with frieze which returns along the gable ends. The tower no longer exists (old photographs show a three-section tower: all sections square with molded cornice).		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The church had a two aisle plan with side pews abutting the north and south walls. The 1870 partition is used as a kitchen and vestibule. The original nave is one large room rising the full height of the church. The west gallery is reached by an open stairway. The new (1972) gallery (cont'd p. 2).		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1870 Hipped roof porch added. Partition now used as kitchen and vestibule. 1930 Steeple removed. The fluted cast-iron columns which supported the gallery removed. 1972 New gallery built, Interior chimneys at rear removed.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Present Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Ponemon, building used as residence.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Church faces west and was built on a lot 60'x100', graded before the church was built. William Cullen Bryant was a trustee of the church.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Bryant Library, Roslyn. Local History Collection. Rosebrock, Gerry & Roger & Peggy & Ellen. Roslyn Landmark Society Annual House Tour Guide. 1973. pp. 27-35.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman Historian, HABS, from reports by the Rosebrocks (May 1974).		DATE 4/13/84

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (CONT'D):

forms a hallway on the east. The choir stairway, which reverses on itself before reaching the gallery floor, is sheathed with plain vertical boarding. The newel is San Domingo mahogany. The original floor was yellow pine. There is a dado about 5' high on three walls of the ground floor. During the 1972 renovation of the church, the dado in the closet beneath the gallery stair was found to have been grained. In this section the wall above the dado was papered with a wallpaper in grisaille.

The hall windows have small wooden leaf-shaped latches. Similar fish-tail latches lock the gallery windows into an open position.